

Amendments to The Specification

- Please replace the paragraph starting at line 22 on page 9 with the following text:

~~Figure 3 (A-D) shows the results of a blot overlay assays in which filters with input and elutes from columns were incubated with portions of alpha dystroglycan or agrin.~~

Figure 3A shows DAG-125 incubated with goat anti-mouse Ig-conjugated agarose beads in the presence or absence of *in vitro* translated dystroglycan polypeptide (DG₃₄₅₋₇₅₀) and/or anti-dystroglycan monoclonal antibody.

Figure 3B shows DAG-125 incubated with glutathione-sepharose beads that had been pre-incubated with either bacterially produced GST or a bacterially produced GST-dystroglycan fusion protein (GST-DG₃₄₅₋₆₅₃).

Figure 3C shows interaction between DAG-125 and native α -dystroglycan.

- Please replace the paragraph starting at line 7 on page 10 with the following text:

~~Figure 8A-C shows overlay assays blots containing biglycan proteoglycan (BGN-PG), biglycan core (BGN), a biglycan-decorin hybrid (Hybrid), decorin proteoglycan (DEC-PG), decorin (DEC), bacterially produced biglycan (QE-BIG), and Torpedo electric organ membrane fraction (TEOM), which were incubated with ³⁵S labeled α -sarcoglycan (Figure 8A), γ -sarcoglycan (Figure 8B), and delta sarcoglycan (Figure 8C).~~

Figure 8B shows overlay assays blots containing biglycan proteoglycan (BGN-PG), biglycan core (BGN), a biglycan-decorin hybrid (Hybrid), decorin proteoglycan (DEC-PG), decorin (DEC), bacterially produced biglycan (QE-BIG), and Torpedo electric organ membrane fraction (TEOM), which were incubated with γ -sarcoglycan.

Figure 8C shows overlay assays blots containing biglycan proteoglycan (BGN-PG), biglycan core (BGN), a biglycan-decorin hybrid (Hybrid), decorin proteoglycan (DEC-PG), decorin (DEC), bacterially produced biglycan (QE-BIG), and Torpedo electric organ membrane fraction (TEOM), which were incubated with delta-sarcoglycan.